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Timely Tidbits ...

Pancake Breakfast/ Auction Aids Kids

Community Assistance Foundation 34 – an organization dedicated to assisting the families of needy children in the five communities (Belleville, Romulus, Huron, Sumpter, and Van Buren) served by the 34th District Court – is hosting a Pancake Breakfast & Auction fund-raiser to benefit its Prescription Drug Voucher Program for kids in Belleville, Romulus, and Huron Township. The event will be held at the Van Buren Eagles Club (9961 Beck Road, Belleville) on Saturday, December 11, from 8 to 11 a.m.

Tickets ($6 for adults; $4 for seniors and children 12 and under) are available in advance (call Paula at 734-941-4462, ext. 205) or at the door.

A Time for Giving

During the holidays, many of us make a special effort to celebrate the true meaning of the season by giving to those who are in need. If you're looking for a way to help your less-fortunate neighbors, local organizations like the Romulus Goodfellows, American Progressive Association, and Helping Hand are looking for you.

The Goodfellow paper drive is set for Friday, December 3, and Saturday, December 4, at intersections throughout Romulus. Additional donations of new, unwrapped toys, nonperishable food, and/or cash or gift certificates may be dropped off at Fire Station #4 (28777 Eureka Road) or Mayor Alan R. Lambert's office at City Hall (11111 South Wayne Road) during normal business hours. Call 734-955-4503 for information.

Pat's Pantry, an APA affiliate located in the Coleman Center (35351 Beverly Road), is looking for cash donations to help feed the hungry in our community. Call Pat Watson at 734-331-2797 or Marie Butler at 734-326-8167.

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Romulus Breaks Ground for New Senior-citizens' Center

Local dignitaries taking part in November 29's groundbreaking for a new senior-citizens' center included: (from left) Romulus City Councilman Charles Miller; Downtown Development Authority members Rhonda Hennessy, Ronald Hopson, and William Crane; Councilmen Michael Prybyla and Deborah Romak; Mayor Alan R. Lambert; U.S. Congressman John D. Dingell; Councilmen William Crova and LeRoy Burcroff; State Representative Hoon-Yung Hopgood; Councilman William Wadsworth; and DDA member Frederick Hay. *For story/photos, see page 4.*

RHS Lady Eagles Win First District Title in 20 Years

With a 53–35 win over Wayne Memorial, head coach Rhonda Henry (left) and her Romulus High School Lady Eagles basketball team celebrated their first district basketball championship in 20 years. *For story, see page 4.*

Guest Commentary

Update on Fund for New Animal Shelter

By Councilman Bill Wadsworth, City of Romulus

Last year, with the support of Mayor Alan R. Lambert and my Romulus City Council colleagues, I established a fund allowing the public to make tax-deductible donations towards building a new animal shelter without using tax dollars.

Since then, we have raised nearly $60,000 in cash, as well as approximately $40,000 in pledges of time, labor, and materials from local businesses. The donated services will include demolition of the old structure, preparation of the new foundation, installation of water and sewer lines, painting of the exterior and interior, and making/installing cabinets, counters, and trim.

I want to thank the following groups for their help in this continuing effort:

- the children, parents, administrators, teachers, and staff members at various Romulus schools, whose hard work on the many candy sales, newspaper and penny drives, spirit competitions, and other fund-raising events has made them the single largest contributor to the fund thus far;
- the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education and administration, which donated tables for our Pumpkin Festival bingo events;
- the Romulus Arts Council, which sponsored the Pumpkin Festival bingo events;
- the Romulus Fire Department, which hosted a pancake breakfast;
- all the local businesses that have supported this worthy cause by making cash donations and/or sponsoring fund-raisers;
- *The Romulus News* and *Romulus Roman*, which have provided ongoing press coverage;
- members of the Romulus Senior Center, who have tirelessly promoted the project; and
- the many individual Romulus residents who have sent in their checks, asking nothing in return except the construction of a clean, decent animal shelter, and the chance to rid our city of the current eyesore at Wayne and Goddard roads.

If I've missed anyone in this thank-you list, I apologize. You all know who you are and what you did for the fund. I appreciate each and every one of you.

In the past, many of you encouraged me to propose a millage to pay for a new animal shelter. Frankly, I can't, in good conscience, support such a proposal. I believe that our residents already bear too heavy a tax burden.

As your elected official for the last 22 years, I realize that there are more important issues facing our city. We need a full-time fire department and expanded police and DPW services, as well as new recreation and senior-citizens' centers, and our excellent City workers deserve pay increases, too. I fully understand that there are no tax funds, at this time, to start this project.

Yet, we all know that our current shelter is far from adequate, and that is why we all must continue to keep the cause alive and moving forward.

Now, to the future: As the year comes to an end, I encourage all of you to use the form below to make your tax-deductible donation for 2004. And, as we continue into 2005, I ask that everyone make a resolution to get more involved in this worthwhile project. Call me at 734-941-0616 for more info.

Remember: Cats and dogs can't speak for themselves, but we can speak for them.

Editor's note: The "Guest Commentary" column is open to all responsible individuals and spokespersons who would like to comment on issues of interest to the people of Romulus. ❑

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Local Boy Scouts' Flag Ceremony Honored Military Veterans

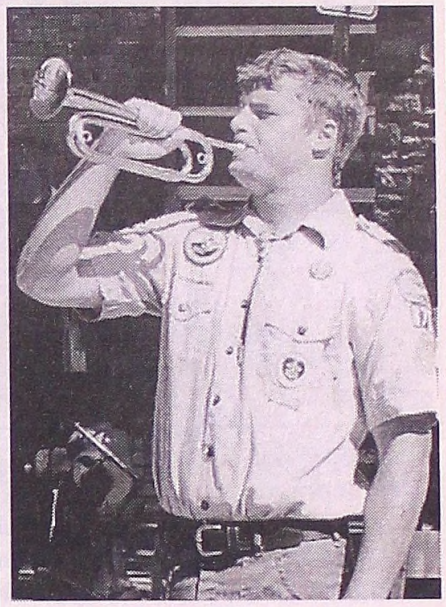
Looking on during the flag ceremony conducted by Boy Scouts Troop #872 were VFW Post #9568 members (from left) Ed Brendke, Bob Williams, and Doug Harden.

On Sunday, September 19, 2004, Boy Scouts from Troop #872 held a flag ceremony at the newly restored World War I monument in downtown Romulus. The event took place during the city's annual Pumpkin Festival.

Members of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #9568 were on hand for the ceremony. Also in attendance were Genevieve Dugan and Brian Killingbeck, both of whom are descended from members of the Sunshine Club, the organization that originally dedicated the monument sometime after World War I. The club was a group of women who had husbands or sons who fought in the war. Its members supported the troops by doing such activities as knitting socks to send to soldiers.

The monument was restored by the Romulus Historical Commission and the Romulus Department of Public Works. Commission member Bill Crane restored the plaque, Commission chairman Mark Lewkowicz supplied a new trim ring for the bottom of the flag pole, and the DPW painted the cement.

Boy Scout Troop #872 supplied a new flag.

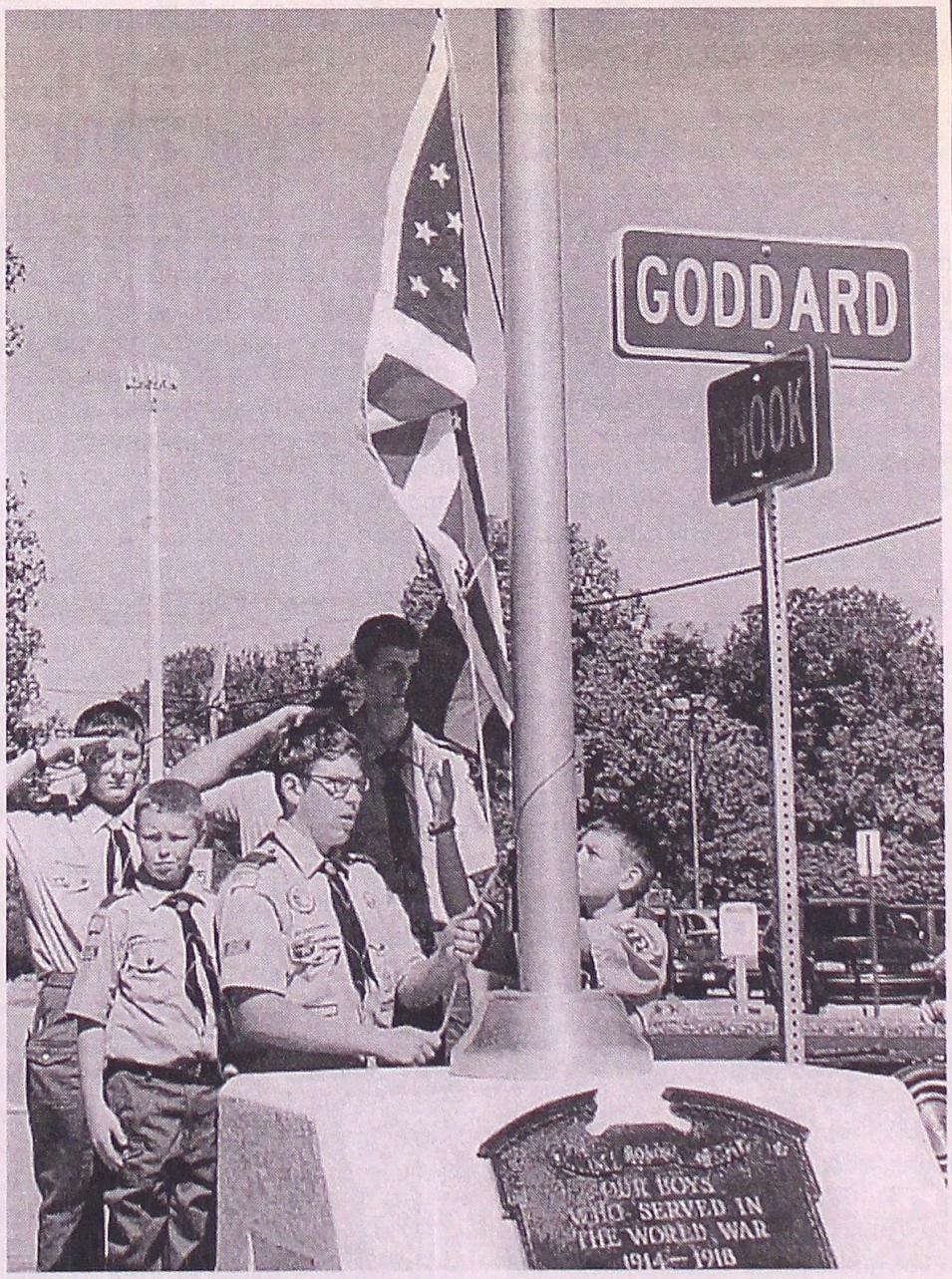


Ryan Witherow

Boy Scouts participating in the flag ceremony were William Blackburn, Dylan Dotson, Justin Kuderik, Thomas Kuderik, Kyle Linderman, Joseph Sanchez, Mason Whitmore, and Ryan Witherow.

Stuart Kerr sang the National Anthem, and Ryan Witherow played the trumpet. ❑

The Sunshine Club's monument to World War I veterans has been beautifully restored by the Romulus Historical Commission and the Romulus DPW.



Scouts taking part in the flag-raising included (from left) Justin Kuderik, Dylan Dotson, Joe Sanchez, William Blackburn, and Kyle Linderman.

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City of Romulus Breaks Ground for New Senior-citizens' Center

Among those taking part in the groundbreaking were: (from left) Estella Bird, Oscar Hamilton, Councilman Michael Prybyla, Doll Wands, Downtown Development Authority member Ronald Hopson, Mildred Qualls, DDA member Rhonda Hennessy, Viola Willoughby, DDA member William Crane, Councilwoman Deborah Romak, Louis Mitchell, Senior Center director Linda Norman, Recreation director Herbert Buckley, Ann Parkinson, Mayor Alan R. Lambert, Alice Hudick, U.S. Congressman John D. Dingell, Donald Taylor, Charlene Eves, Councilman William Wadsworth, Edna Bell, Betty Forbes, Councilman LeRoy Burcroff, Marge Taylor, Evelyn Mujadin, Katie McCraight, Kathleen Dowdell, Louise Shropshire, Millie Campbell, and Pat Noblett.

By Kristi Stephens

Local senior citizens are looking forward to a future of finer facilities and superior services.

On November 29, the City of Romulus broke ground for a new senior-citizens' center. The 15,400-square-foot facility – to be constructed near the current building, located at 36515 Bibbins – will feature a "living room," library, game room, arts-and-crafts room, and multi-purpose rooms, as well as office space for administrative needs. The center, which will cost about $3.5 million to build, will be financed through a bond issue that will be repaid over the course of 10 years using Community Development Block Grants and Downtown Development Authority funds.

Linda Norman, the City's director of senior programs, was pleased with the turnout for the event.

"Although it was cold, and wet, and we had only a few days' notice concerning the date of the ceremony, many of our friends turned out for the groundbreaking," she noted. "We were all very excited because it brought home the fact that our longtime dream will become reality in the very near future.

"The realization brought smiles to a lot of faces," Norman added..

Among the many local dignitaries who attended the event was Mayor Alan R. Lambert.

"Romulus seniors deserve a quality facility," said Lambert. "We have been able to finance the project with CDBG and DDA funding, so we are doing this without additional cost to our taxpayers."

The current Romulus Senior Center will remain open throughout most of the construction process. Later, when work is complete, both senior-citizen and recreation programs will be moved to the new facility, and the old building will be torn down. Lambert hopes that a new recreation center will soon follow. ❑

RHS Lady Eagles Win Title

Romulus High School's Lady Eagles recently won their first district basketball championship in 20 years with a 53–35 victory over Wayne Memorial High School. The Mega White champions then continued on to the regional competition, where they beat Mega Red co-champion Southgate Anderson, 51–37, before falling to Monroe, the other Mega Red champ, in a 62–58 overtime loss.

The win over Southgate was the Eagles' first-ever victory in a regional-level game.

District spokesperson Dick Kruse called the regional final between Romulus and Monroe "high school basketball at its finest." An enthusiastic crowd of Romulus supporters traveled to Tecumseh to watch the Eagles play the Monroe team, which featured a strong zone defense and a hot-shooting guard who made numerous three-pointers. Monroe built several six- to eight-point leads throughout the game, but Romulus continued to come back, with players seemingly appearing from nowhere to steal the ball, and eventually took a 43–42 fourth-quarter lead.

Monroe, however, answered with another three-pointer on its way to building a 51–48 lead in the final minute of play. Then, with 3.8 seconds remaining, Eagles guard Paris Hawkins hit nothing but net on a three-point basket that tied the score.

Romulus was hampered by foul trouble in overtime play, as Candice Lawrence joined Janiece Armstrong, who fouled out during the final two minutes of regulation time, on the Eagles' bench. Monroe jumped in front, 61–52, before Romulus staged one last rally, shaving their opponent's lead to 3. In the final 10 seconds, Romulus had several opportunities to again tie things up, but misfired on all three shots. A final "frustration foul" ended the team's outstanding 22–3 season with a 62–58 loss.

Head coach Rhonda Henry was very proud of her team's league and district championships, and is especially pleased that star senior Ashley Sibby will be going to Tennessee State University on a full four-year basketball scholarship.

According to spokesperson Kruse, a good deal of the credit for the team's success goes to Henry herself.

"Coach Henry has put in a good deal of time to develop her program," he explained. "Besides conducting a summer camp for girls in grades three through nine, she also coached the Lady Eagles in the Plymouth Summer League and coached a 16-year-old AAU team, as well, The AAU team – which included Lady Eagles stars Sibby, Armstrong, and Hawkins – advanced to the national AAU tournament by winning the state-level competition." ❑

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RHS Journalism Students Get Once-in-a-lifetime Opportunity

By Keith Haynes

On Friday, October 29, 2004, I had no reason to expect anything big to happen at Romulus High School, where I'm finishing my senior year. My journalism class, taught by Mr. Jason Kahler, had just begun at 10:57 a.m. Along with many of my peers, I was dressed up for Halloween. I went as a gangster and looked completely unprofessional.

Like always, class was loud, and I spent the next few minutes settling in. Soon, everyone was typing and a more businesslike atmosphere prevailed. As I was looking off and pondering on what to write about, I noticed a man standing outside our classroom. The gentleman was dressed in a suit and seemed to be important. The room fell silent as he entered. As students, we're required to be on our best behavior when someone with that presence enters the room.

"I need to see Stephanie Hindman, Brittney Gram, Mark McGlynn, and Keith Haynes, please," Robert A. Keenan said.

He led us into an empty classroom where our principal, Dan Hurst, had been waiting. The four of us looked at each other and immediately assumed we were in some kind of trouble. Mr. Hurst introduced us to Mr. Keenan, a Secret Service Agent with Vice President Dick Cheney. Mr. Hurst began to tell us that our school would be hosting Vice President Cheney's pre-election political rally in just 48 hours. He then allowed Mr. Keenan to speak to us, and his voice brought an overwhelming amount of excitement to Stephanie, Brittney, Mark, and I.

Mr. Keenan began to explain his business to us, and the more he spoke, the more unreal it seemed to get. He was asking us to cover the vice president's rally all weekend long at Romulus High School. All four of us began asking a million questions, and it was Mr. Keenan who began to feel overwhelmed as he said, "It looks like we've got the right group of kids here."

I asked, "Why were we picked from all of the kids in school? Why Romulus High School?"

"Your teachers and principals recommended the four of you for this," he replied. "Your school is close to the airport and large enough to hold a lot of people, so it makes for an easy in-and-out for Mr. Cheney. That's important because he's visiting five states today.

"As you know," Mr. Keenan continued, "Dick Cheney is going to be in town Sunday at 11 a.m. for one of his last few campaign rallies before the election Tuesday. The White House would like to give you the chance to cover this event. You'll get the same credentials as the White House Press, but you'll be privileged with a little more information than they will have. Before the vice president speaks Sunday, you all will be in the motorcade during all four trips to and from the airport. I'll give you more information tomorrow morning. The information I've given you today is confidential, and you cannot tell anyone ... seriously.

"I'll need some of your personal information just to do background security checks," he added.

When I asked Mr. Keenan if I could have his number to call him and verify a few things, he joked with me and said, "I don't exist." At the time, only he knew that he was joking because it seemed so true, based on how TV portrays the White House life.

RHS journalism students (from left) Brittney Gram, Stephanie Hindman, Kristen Atchley, Keith Haynes, and Mark McGlynn enjoyed a unique opportunity to cover Vice President Cheney's recent visit to Romulus.

The next morning (Saturday, October 30), Mark, Brittney, Stephanie, and I all showed up to the school at 8 a.m. Secret Service and other White House officials filled the gymnasium. Maniak Productions, a stage setup company, was in the gym preparing for Sunday's rally.

After taking several pictures, Mark and I stuck around to help Maniak Productions. We saw this as a good opportunity to help out and do some community service. Mark and I unloaded equipment off the semitrailers and set up close to 100 stage decks. Each deck weighed about 200 pounds.

As we set up the stage, White House officials were all around us, directing us. Every time we thought we were finished, a picture of the stage was sent to the White House. The White House would determine if the stage was acceptable or not. As a security precaution, the stage had to be in the right spot, right down to the inch. Mark and I must have moved the stage several different times, which wasn't easy; those stage decks were extremely heavy. By 7 p.m., we still didn't have the stage set perfectly.

After putting in 12 long, hard hours of community service, Mark and I went home. Mr. Keenan and the people from Maniak Productions insisted we take $20 to buy ourselves dinner. We tried to refuse, but then Mr. Keenan told us that if we didn't take the money, we wouldn't be allowed to be a part of Sunday's rally.

Before we called it a day, Mr. Keenan gave us some inside information. The gym was shadowed by black curtains. Mr. Cheney would arrive through the back door of the gym and wait in the women's locker room until it was his time to speak. No one would see him do this. Behind the school, many Romulus school buses were parked strategically so no one could see when the vice president was entering or exiting. Security was very tight, and the Secret Service didn't miss a thing.

At 8 a.m. Sunday, the four of us arrived at the school, dressed appropriately in suits, ready for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. With Romulus High School security guard Jeannie Voight driving our minivan, we left for the airport in the motorcade. Mrs. Voight was as excited as we were to be a part of this event. Until 8:30 a.m., we took notes and pictures; by 9 a.m., we were inside the airport. Mr. Keenan explained security procedures while helicopters circled overhead, looking for suspicious activity. Surrounding buildings and all 48 motorcade cars were checked by police dogs for explosives. All vehicles were parked side by side, bumper to bumper, two feet apart. Everything was done by the book.

With some time to burn, Mr. Keenan took us into a hangar housing Mr. Cheney's car, along with the Detroit Tigers' and Redwings' team airplanes. Mr. Cheney's vehicle was a brand-new, solid black, luxury Cadillac. We witnessed the driver put the White House Seal on the car. When I asked what special things had been done to the Cadillac, Mr. Keenan said, "I can't tell you; just listen to it idle." The car sounded like Dale Earnhardt, Jr.'s NASCAR vehicle. It was easy to see that the windows were very thick and bulletproof.

At 10:30 a.m., escorted by two F-14s, the vice president's plane, Air Force Two, landed. Mark, Brittney, Stephanie, and I all ran to the plane. We were the only people among the press being permitted to do so. As Mr. Cheney exited the plane with his wife and three grandchildren, we watched in awe and took pictures as he shook hands with our city councilman, LeRoy Burcroff.

"I think it's important to have someone from the City present for this important occasion," said Mr. Burcroff.

As the motorcade headed back to

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Drama Club To Feature Student Plays

By Susan Hurt

The Romulus High School Drama Club will open its second year as a performance group with a presentation of *Spaces* – a collection of one-act plays written and directed by RHS students and Drama Club members. Performances will be given in the school auditorium on Friday, December 10, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, December 11, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, December 12, at 2 p.m. (An afterglow will follow the Friday evening performance.)

Tickets – $5 each – may be purchased in advance from Drama Club members, and will also be available at the door.

After opening their first year with an amazing production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Drama Club students wanted to do something different. Writing, directing, and producing student plays seemed an effective means to showcase the varied talent in the school.

Teacher sponsor Monica Lewis requested submissions from potential playwrights among the students, and received some very well-written one-act plays. Narrowing down the submissions, she chose three for production.

"Hell Has a Waiting Room?" is a comedy written and directed by Shaun Simon. A variety of characters gather in the waiting room, interacting with each other as they assess how they got there.

"Saving Mary" is an intense drama written and directed by Sara Hurt. Drawn from the experiences and feelings of high-school girls, this play examines a crisis in the life of a girl and how the reactions of those around her impact her feelings about herself.

"Regrets" is a comedy written by Jasmine Theriot and directed by Lewis. Wedding-day jitters cause unusual complications for one bride.

In addition to the three student plays, Matthew Lewis (Monica's husband) contributed his own one-act comedy, "Awkward Moments," and will also join his wife as one of the cast members.

The club is already planning for another Shakespearean performance from the talented group of performing artists at Romulus High School. To volunteer to help with the production, or to learn more about tickets, please call Monica Lewis at 734-532-1000, ext. 1165. ❑

RHS "Principal's Honor Roll" Students Receive Recognition

(From left) Romulus Community Schools Board of Education members who attended a recent recognition program for Romulus High School's Principal's Honor Roll students were (from left) Kenneth Mientkiewicz, treasurer; Niema White, trustee; Cheryle Buckley, president; and Betty Lenossi, trustee.

Each year, Romulus High School principal Dan Hurst holds an Academic Achievement Breakfast to recognize students who have reached Principal's Honor Roll milestones. This year, Hurst honored 60 students: 32 for two consecutive appearances on the Principal's Honor Roll, 16 for four consecutive appearances, and 12 for six.

Honorees and their parents attending the program were treated to a delicious meal thanks to the school's culinary arts program. Under the direction of instructor Charles Usztics and his assistant, Angelica Richardson, students prepared the various dishes, which were beautifully presented in table settings featuring flower arrangements and student-carved ice sculptures.

Afterward, Hurst gave a brief address and, accompanied by assistant principals Don Foley and Doug Hoffman, made award presentations. Superintendent Joel R. Carr also addressed the audience, congratulating the students on their outstanding achievements and thanking the parents for their support.

Other district officials who were on hand to congratulate the young scholars included Board of Education president Cheryle Buckley, treasurer Kenneth Mientkiewicz, and trustees Betty Lenossi and Niema White.

Two-time honorees, who received a school letter for their achievement, were: Katherine Cobb, Katrina Cutliff, Jennifer Dick, Jessica Dick, Yetunde Emanuel, Jessica Fox, Shalayia Frye, Tiffany Gray, Crystal Hahn, Samina Haq, James Hayes, Michael Hudson, Joy Jendritz, Janet Johnson, Justin Maupin, Aurielle McCauley, Tiffani McCloud, Jessica Mills, Tamila Myles, Jetaun Robinson, Lindsay Sharp, Amna Sheikh, Monay Smith, Stacey Sparks, Jesse Spicer, Kevin Stobbe, Erika Wasson, Dakota Watson, Theresa Windom, Jessica Workman, Brittany Wright, and Desirea Yates.

Four-time honorees, who received medallions, were: Carla Anderson, Megan Bearman, Lindsay Beregsasy, Bradley Bills, Teela Carroll, Doloris Garry, Katie Hale, Jennifer Lammers, Courtney MacDougall, Jonathan McLachlan, Ashley Moss, Amanda Nowicki, Kristine Plank, Patricia Silvey, Ashlee Wells, and Amanda Willingham.

Six-time honorees, who were presented with plaques recognizing their outstanding academic achievement, were: Kristen Atchley, Jazmine Bennett, Tiffany Block, Ronnie Brown, Daniel Kinney, Mallori Losacco, Jessica Shelton, Paulette Stanford, Matthew Steffani, Joann Tieppo, Kimberly Wilson, and LaShonda Windham.

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Principal's Honor Roll

RHS students recently recognized for two consecutive appearances on the Principal's Honor Roll included: (from left) front – Jessica Mills, Kevin Stobbe, Jetaun Robinson, Katrina Cutliff, Brittany Wright, and James Hayes; middle – Shalayia Frye, Tiffani McCloud, Justin Maupin, Jessica Workman, Tamila Myles, Jessica Fox, and Jessica Dick; back – Erika Wasson, Desirea Yates, Stacey Sparks, Amna Sheikh, and Katherine Cobb.

Also among the school's two-time Principal's Honor Roll students were: (from left) front – Monay Smith, Crystal Hahn, Janet Johnson, Lindsay Sharp, and Theresa Windom; middle – Jessica Fox, Jessica Dick, Jennifer Dick, Dakota Watson, Aurielle McCauley, and Tiffany Gray; back – Amna Sheikh, Katherine Cobb, Joy Jendritz, Yetunde Emanuel, and Michael Hudson.

Four-time honorees included: (from left) front – Bradley Bills, Katie Hale, and Patricia Silvey; middle – Carla Anderson, Lindsay Beregsasy, Courtney MacDougall, Amanda Willingham, and Amanda Nowicki; back – Jonathan McLachlan, Ashley Moss, Ashlee Wells, Doloris Garry, Megan Bearman, Jennifer Lammers, and Kristine Plank.

Students making Romulus High School's Principal's Honor Roll for an outstanding six consecutive semesters included: (from left) front – Kristen Atchley, Mallori Losacco, Jessica Shelton, Jazmine Bennett, and LaShonda Windham; back – Kimberly Wilson, Ronnie Brown, Daniel Kinney, and Paulette Stanford.

Principal's Honor Roll student Ashlee Wells and her mother Scarlett talked with RHS principal Dan Hurst (right) and assistant principal Don Foley about the 40 hours of community service that will now be required of MEAP scholarship recipients.

Science teacher Andrew Steward (back) had plenty of praise for Culinary Arts students like (from left) Marlon Williams, Tia Holmes, Samuel Tilmon, and Krystal McCloud, who helped to prepare the breakfast and decorative ice sculptures for the event.

Freight Building Finds New Home in Historic Park

By Mark J. Lewkowicz, chairman, Romulus Historical Commission

On November 3, 2004, Romulus's historic Wabash Freight House made its way west on Goddard Road, then south on Hunt Street, to end up in Romulus Historic Park. The building is the third structure to be relocated in the park, which is also home to an 1839 schoolhouse and the 1855 Samuel R. Kingsley house, along with a 1940s-era caboose.

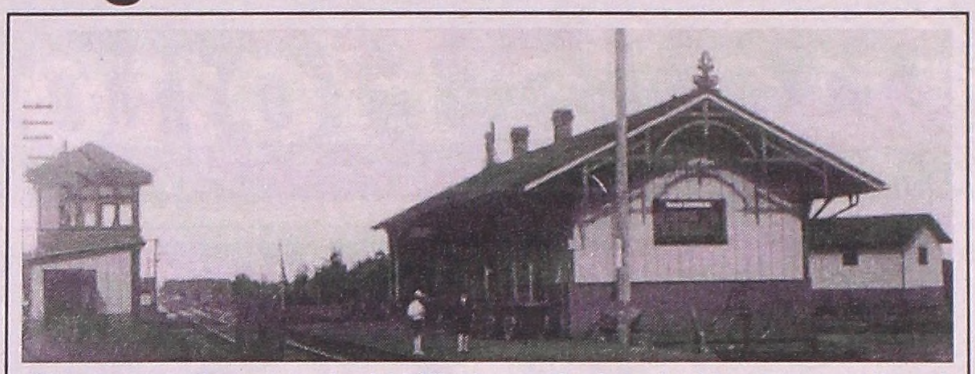
The freight house will undergo a restoration process that will include a new roof as well as repairs to the walls, floor, and rafters. A 10'x50' deck and wheelchair ramp – reminiscent of a loading dock that was originally connected to the building – will also be erected.

The freight house, estimated to be about 100 years old, is the city's only surviving railroad structure from the turn of the twentieth century. At that time, there were five buildings that served the railroad: a station for both the Wabash (now the Norfolk Southern) and the Pere Marquette (now the CSX) railways, an interlocking tower to control the two lines, a coal shed, a shed used to store milk that was transported by rail on a daily basis, and the freight house that is the subject of this article.

There were also three service sheds east of the interlocking tower to serve the signal maintainer, the Wabash section gang, and the Pere Marquette section gang. (Section gangs kept the tracks in good repair.)

The freight house was originally located on a wye that connected the Wabash line to the Pere Marquette line. It was used to transfer anything less than a full carload of freight from one line to the other. It has two sliding doors and transom windows located above the doors. There are three windows on the back of the building, and one window on the end of each building. The windows were located high up on the walls in order to prevent the loads of freight from blocking the available light that would enter the building. Because the freight house was designed to carry heavy loads, it features balloon construction with a 10"x10" perimeter beam and 3"x10" floor joists that support 1" floorboards. The 14' high walls are board-and-batten construction supported by 2"x6" studs. A 3"x6" double top plate supports the rafters.

The freight house is now in its third location. It was constructed sometime prior to 1907, as documented by a postmarked picture postcard depicting the structure. This postcard – supplied by the late Charles Lau in 1996 – was also used to approximate the original location of the building. When the card was seen by Romulus resident Don Dohaney, a local railroad buff familiar with the fact that a railroad building existed in the old lumberyard, he made the connection between the two. (An enormous enlargement of the card can be seen on the back wall of the Bob Evans restaurant on Flynn Drive in Romulus.)



This postcard, postmarked 1907, shows the interlocking tower, railroad depot, and (behind the depot, to the right) the freight house, which was recently relocated to Romulus Historic Park.

The structure's original location was finally pinpointed when Romulus Historical Commission member Gerald Wendland discovered a Sanborn map, drawn up in 1919, in the historic archives located in the Kingsley house. The map also indicated that the freight house had a 10'x85' deck, and that there had been a stockyard northeast of the building.

At some point between 1919 and the 1930s, the freight house was moved a short distance east to the Harris Lumberyard, located at 36036 Goddard Road, to be used as a storage building. Eventually, Homer Harris sold his business to Romulus Johnson, and the yard became Johnson Fuel & Supply. The company, which Johnson operated with partner Don Nelson, supplied coal, fuel oil, ready-mix cement, and lumber to the Romulus community. It closed down in the 1990s.

The freight house, no longer on the railroad tracks, was in an obscure location. It was further "concealed" by the construction of a two-story addition that included a storage area downstairs and a two-unit apartment upstairs. (The apartment – occupied by the family of longtime Harris Lumberyard and Johnson Fuel & Supply employee Jerry Arquette – appeared to have been built in the 1930s or '40s.) The addition was constructed in such a way that two gables came together to form a valley in the roof. This caused an extensive amount of damage to the roof boards and rafters. On the plus side, however, the addition protected the back wall of the building from the elements. When the wall was again exposed, a two-tone paint job (matching the paint scheme on the aforementioned postcard) was revealed.

Talking with various area residents turned up a good deal of other valuable information about the history of the freight house. Merlin Lemmon, who worked in the interlocking tower from 1952 to 1979, could only recall seeing the building at the Johnson site. Hubert Staten had information about the freight house from his days as a Harris Lumberyard employee. Staten, who began delivering coal and lumber in 1949, said that the building was used to store bags of cement.

Jack Schick, Sr., another longtime Romulus resident, proved to be an especially good source of information. His godfather, Carl Spicer, worked at the interlocking tower seven days a week from 1914 to 1954. Schick, born in a house next door to the railroad depot in 1922, regularly visited his godfather at the tower from the time he could walk. (His house was located on what is now the Comerica Bank parking lot.)

Schick recalled that the railroad's need for the building gradually diminished because of a decline in freight business. Unfortunately, even though he spent a great deal of time on the railroad property, he could not recall exactly when the building was moved to the lumberyard.

Later, as a Romulus High School student, Schick spent a summer vacation (1938 or 1939) working at the Harris Lumberyard, running a machine that produced cement block. By that time, he says, the freight building had already been moved.

In August of 2002, the entire lumberyard complex was slated for demolition by Tom Fraser, who purchased it from Romulus Johnson in July of 1998. I was unaware of the plan until I happened to see the demolition equipment as I was driving down Goddard Road one day. I spoke to Fraser about sparing the freight house, and he was agreeable. Arrangements were made to have Dr. Mark Camp – a Railroad Station Historical Society member from Toledo, Ohio – come to Romulus to look at the building. Using the postcard and noting various features of the building, he was able to make a positive identification. (At that time, Camp photographed the building in case it would not be saved, and put it on the "endangered buildings" list.)

Tom Fraser, along with Historical Commission members Terrell Bird and Ken Widman, went before the Demolition Board to get permission to modify the plan. Then Fraser, Commission member Bill Crane, and I approached the Romulus City Council about the project. The restoration idea received the support of the council, and a letter was drafted to Tim Keyes, director of the Community Development Department. Commission vice-president Cathy Morse and I also met with Mayor Alan R. Lambert, who gave his full support, as well.

The next step in the relocation process called for having the City accept the building from Fraser. (In the past, Romulus accepted the schoolhouse, now used as a museum, from Skip Overmeyer, and the Kingsley house from Eugene Perecki.) In the end, the City bought the former lumberyard property.

A search began for funding for the project. In May of 2003, Commission members Frederick Hay and Mark Lewkowicz each pledged $500 toward the project. (Later, during the Commission's November 9, 2004 meeting, member Virgil Varner donated an additional $250.) Community Development Block Grant funding was also sought, but initial applications were unsuccessful due to various changes in Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) rules. Eventually, after providing additional photos and documentation (including statements from Dr. Camp and historical architect Gary Cooper of Ann Arbor), HUD finally gave Wayne County and the City of Romulus permission to

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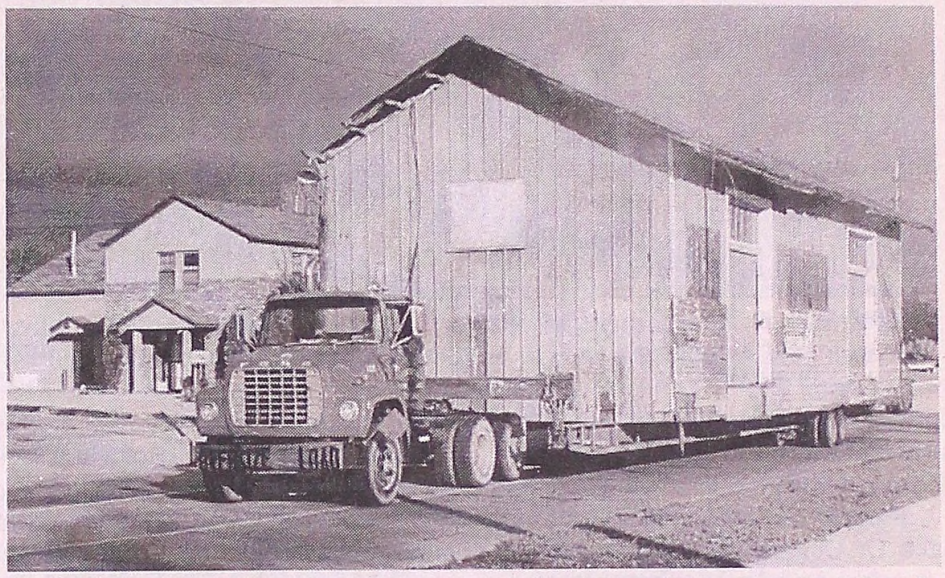
"Moving the Freight"

The Johnson Fuel & Supply complex as it appeared in August 2002.

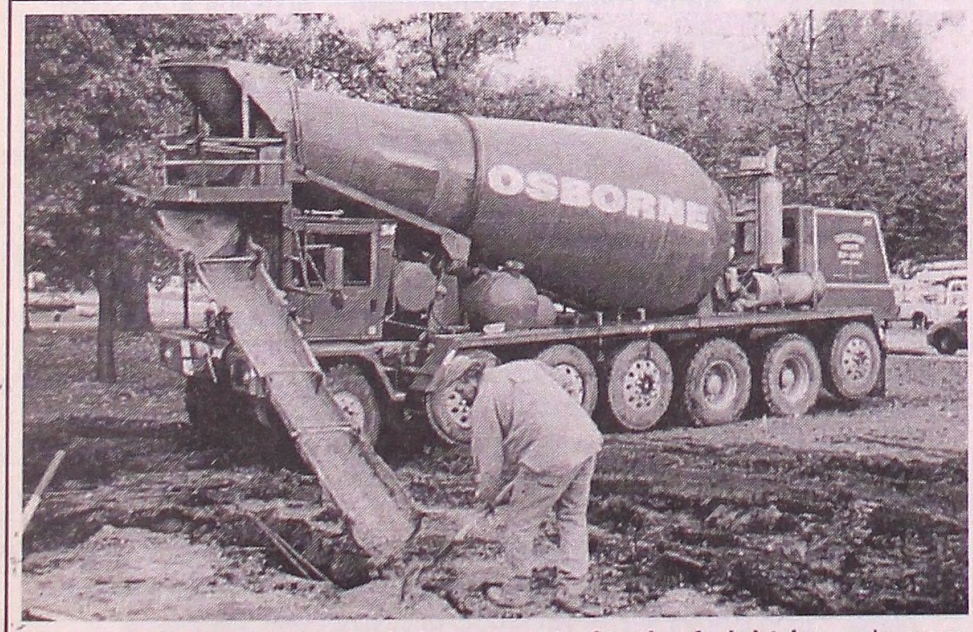


The freight house heads south through the "S" turn on Goddard Road.

RHC member Virgil Varner and Museum director Pearl Varner admired the freight building in its new home in Historic Park.

Recreation Commission members involved in the move included (from left) Mark Lewkowicz, Diane Poet, Jack Trumble, Jerry Kittle, Margaret Maciejewski, Herb Buckley (director, Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation), Tereatha Allen, and Kristin Irwin (assistant director).

RHC chairman Mark Lewkowicz (right) thanked Jerry Rohn (left) for providing community service workers to clean out the building.



Osborne Concrete donated the concrete for the freight house's new foundation.

Comcast cable company and Hy-Lines Utility Services donated the work that was necessary to raise the wires.

Historic Freight Building Gets New Home

Mayor Alan R. Lambert (right) thanked Frederick and Helen Hay, who donated $500 toward the freight building's relocation/renovation.

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go ahead with the project in September 2004.

Progress is now continuing at a fast pace. On October 11, the Romulus City Council awarded contracts for the moving and restoration of the building. Historical Commission member Maria Lambert and I attended the meeting, during which I thanked both the mayor and the council for their continued support.

On October 21, Bob's Tree Service and the Romulus Department of Public Works removed a cottonwood tree from Historic Park. The tree, which was starting to die, would have endangered the freight house and the rest of the park, if left standing.

On October 22, the freight building was cleaned out by the 34th District Court's Community Service Work Crew. The group removed four platforms that were not original to the building, as well as bags of hardened cement and a good deal of miscellaneous debris. The materials were disposed of in a dumpster donated by Waste Management.

That same day, six pine trees were moved from Historic Park to the other side of Hunt Street. They now provide a barrier between the Kingsley house and the residential property on its south side.

On October 28, the footing was dug and poured. The concrete was donated by the Osborne Concrete Company. Six days later, the building was relocated by C&A Building Movers of Berville, Michigan. The Comcast cable company and Hy-Lines Utility Services donated their services to move any wires that obstructed the building's path. News crews from WJBK-Channel 2 and WDIV-Channel 4 were on hand to film the event, and both networks ran the story on their 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. newscasts that day.

On November 6, a block foundation was installed; the building was lowered onto the foundation on November 16.

Restoration of the building should be completed very soon. Materials were obtained from an Amish lumber mill in northern Michigan, one of the only places to get materials that are the right size for a 100-year-old building. Restoration will be performed by R.J. Perry Carpentry.

At this time, donations are needed for a number of projects, including the purchase of additional paint, completion of a sidewalk between the freight house and the caboose, and repair of the lawn sprinkler system. Funds are also needed for the installation of electrical service in the building. Donors who contribute at least $500 to the project will have their name inscribed on a plaque that will be displayed in the freight house.

Tax-deductible contributions, made payable to the Romulus Historical Society, may be mailed to Gloria Chandler, 9261 Ozga Rd., Romulus, MI 48174. ❑

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Community Calendar

- **Santa Claus Is Coming to Town!** – Santa will make his first official appearance in Romulus on Friday, December 3, at the City's annual tree-lighting ceremony. The ceremony, to be held in Romulus Historic Park (Hunt Street near the post office), is set for 6:30 p.m. Early birds will want to stop in at the seasonally decorated museum for refreshments (5 to 7 p.m.). Afterward, everyone is welcome to stop in at Progressive Hall (11580 Ozga) to visit with Santa and enjoy light refreshments. Photos with the Jolly Old Elf will be available for just $2 each.
- **Breakfast with Santa** – St. Aloysius Church (11280 Ozga) will host a Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 4, from 9 a.m. to noon. Tickets – $6/adult; $5/child – also include crafts and a photo. For ticket information, call Karla VanAssche (734-941-6326) or Betty Zaleski (734-641-1353).
- **Craft Show** – The Romulus Band Boosters's annual craft show is the perfect place to pick up beautiful holiday gifts and decorations. The event will be held in the cafeteria at Romulus High School (9650 Wayne Road) on Saturday, December 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Holiday Bazaar** – Isom Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (corner of Sumpter and Dunn roads, Belleville) will host its annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All are welcome!
- **Candlelight Memorial Service** – Since the holiday season can be an especially difficult time for people who have lost loved ones, Crane Funeral Home will host its second annual "Handling the Holidays" tips program, followed by a beautiful candlelight memorial service, at the funeral home (36885 Goddard Road, Romulus) on Saturday, December 4, from 7 to 8 p.m. The atmosphere is easy and the dress is casual for this free program, open to all. For more information, or to register, please call 734-941-9200.
- **Tree-trim at the Library** – The Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) will host its annual Tree-trim on Saturday, December 4, at 10:30 a.m. Participants will enjoy old-fashioned fun like stringing popcorn-and-cranberry garlands, and will also make two ornaments – one for the library's tree, and one to take home. The program is free, but preregistration is required. Call 734-942-7589.
- **Lunch/Story with Santa** – Share a hot-dog lunch and story-time with Santa at the Romulus Recreation Center (36515 Bibbins) on Saturday, December 11, at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are $3 per person; photos with Santa are an additional $2 each. Preregister no later than Friday, December 10. For more information, call 734-942-6852.
- **River Raisin Ballet Presents *The Nutcracker*** – The River Raisin Centre for the Arts (114 South Monroe Street, downtown Monroe) will host *The Nutcracker* at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 11, and Sunday, December 12. Tickets for the show – $12 for adults; $6 for students – are available from the theater's box office or by calling 734-242-7722.
- **Choir Hosts Candlelight Service** – The Community Choir of Belleville will present its annual Hallie Richardson Memorial Candlelight Service at Isom Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (corner of Sumpter and Dunn roads, Belleville) on Sunday, December 12, at 5 p.m. All are welcome!
- **"Big Stocking" Raffle Benefits Goodfellows** – Romulus Auto Supply owner Doug O'Leary is sponsoring a "Giant Christmas Stocking" raffle to benefit a worthy cause. Net proceeds from the event will be donated to the Romulus Goodfellow organization. Tickets for a chance to win one of two eight-foot stockings, jam-packed with toys and other goodies, are available for $1 each at both Auto Supply locations (36640 Goddard and 6800 Middlebelt). Winners' names will be drawn on Monday, December 20. For more information, call 734-941-1727.
- **Holiday Gala for Seniors** – The Romulus Senior Center (36515 Goddard) is inviting local seniors to take part in the annual Holiday Gala, which will be held at the Double Tree Hotel on Wednesday, December 22, at 11 a.m. A ticket price of $11.75 per person includes door prizes and entertainment as well as dinner (salad, roll, mostaccioli appetizer, chicken marsala or broiled white fish, red-skin potatoes, veggie, carrot cake or sugar-free gelatin, and coffee or tea). Space is limited; advance registration is required. For more information, call 734-955-4120.

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Romulus Students Recognized for Academics, Attendance

Congratulations to the following students, who made the honor roll and/or perfect-attendance list for the first marking period of the 2004–2005 school year.

Barth Elementary

ALL A's

Third Grade – Mrs. Motyka
Kyle Brown.

Third Grade – Ms. Siegenthaler
Savannah Leininger.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Kline
Travis Bergman and Chantel Roberts.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Shattuck
Michael Cadden, Holly Hammond, Dayne Hearod, and Savannah Moffat.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Blackburn
Aprell Arthur and Jennifer Sylvester.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Wadsworth
Spencer DeFelice.

HONOR ROLL

Third Grade – Mrs. Motyka
Nicholas Banko, Christopher Greca, Rachel LaPorte, Hunter Mason, Madison Tyree, Shianne Wendland, and Jeremy Zabik.

Third Grade – Ms. Siegenthaler
David Druyor, Kaitlin Keys, Ben Mach, Sidney Morris, Alexa Snyder, and Krista Wilkewit.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Gursky
Gwendolyn Block, Brittany Braxton, Ryan Halimon, Alexei Helton, Latasha Jenkins, Kevin Krampitz, Danielle Lorbeske, Kortney O'Bryan, and Anjeil Shreve.

Fourth Grade – Mr. Jastrzab
Jeremy Frayer, Paige Gubaci, Caitlyn Hay, Danielle Herbert, Steven Honeycutt, Alexis Jones, Kevin Littler, Alexandria Moore, Andre Temple-Young, Joshua Thornsbury, and Zachary Yax.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Kline
Austin Bishop, Derrian Cooley, Jessica Dawson, Mindy Ellison, Raymond Halimon, Taylor Kuss, Brandon Mahon, Travis LaPorte, Sierra Nathaniel, Laiken Randall, Christopher Sirhan, and Kelsey Sudol.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Shattuck
Andrew Burcroff, Amanda Dodge, Briyonne Holt, Christopher Householder, Grace Jendritz, Sherrod Mack, Kayte Nickel, Joshua Rodgers, Benjamin Satterlee, Alexis Steverson, Jimmy VanAssche, and John Watts.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Blackburn
Haleigh Bavol, Luke Blum, Christopher Britz, Katelynn Buyer, Iysha Martin, and Kelsey Sharrow.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Wadsworth
Bilal Ali, Caitlyn Britz, DaiJanae Byers-Davis, Courtnee Johnson, Hailie Laginess, Jessie McGrane, and Amanda Wagle.

Third–Sixth Grades – Mr. Legg
Justin Anderson, Robert Brown, Lawrence Dawson, Alvin Gibbs, Michael Kerr, Anthony Lamar, Alan Leppen, and Najee Treadwell.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten – Mrs. Laboda
Jacob Dawson, Drake Hines, and Brendon Montgomery.

Kindergarten – Mrs. Richard
Alexis Bossidis, Jeden Butler, Makayla Dunn, Katlyn Nieman, Paul Saval, Rachael Saval, Ryan Saval, Richard Taylor, Savannah Titsworth, and Enoch Walker.

First Grade – Mrs. Brim
Kevin Beard, Taryn Bergman, Sarah Bossidis, Vincent Ciccarelli, Logan Gregg, Daylon Harrison, Branden Hayes, Julie Littler, Adrian Pirone, John Poet, Andrew Vanzant, Kaylin Webb, and Dylan Wiley.

First Grade – Mrs. Russell
Jackson Arold, Brendan Greene, Megan Hines, Jamie Laura, and Katrina Wilson.

Second Grade – Mrs. Montroy and Mrs. Withey
Emily Burcroff, Amir Butler, Matthew Cadden, Clare Freeman, Deanna Hearod, Zachary Kouba, Brooklyn Martinez, Antonio Mascorro, Alexis Paige, and Alisha Parks.

Second Grade – Mrs. Street
Jessica Dunn, Raven Halimon, and Preston Prater.

Third Grade – Mrs. Motyka
Aprille Doktor, Christopher Greca, William Toner, Karon Walker-Days, Dakota Watkins, and Shianne Wendland.

Third Grade – Ms. Siegenthaler
Kayla Bunyak, Matthew Eldridge, Katlin Keys, Benjamin Mach, and Sidney Morris.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Gursky
Alyssa Garland, Ryan Halimon, Ayla Raines, Tim Scanlon, and Anjeil Shreve.

Fourth Grade – Mr. Jastrzab
Jennifer Cronk, Danielle Herbert, Kevin Littler, Alicia Long, Christian Mascorro, and Devonna Stewart.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Kline
Tyler Atkinson, Travis Bergman, Katrina Bunyak, Derrian Cooley, Jessica Dawson, Heather Dotson, Amanda Dunn, Jeane Elam, Raymond Halimon, Rosalyn Lovelady, Brandon Mahon, Sierra Nathaniel, and Kelsey Sudol.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Shattuck
Andrew Burcroff, Michael Cadden, Holly Hammond, Dayna Hearod, Briyonne Holt, Christina Kelly, Sherrod Mack, Devonte McCaa, Felisha Nerone, and Joshua Rodgers.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Blackburn
Aprell Arthur, Christopher Britz, Eddie Colquitt, Sarah Freeman, Robert Hayes, Iysha Martin, Damon Owensby, Justin Sawdy, and Robert Snyder.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Wadsworth
Christopher Adams, Caitlyn Britz, LaJuan Cline, Spencer DeFelice, Michael Green, Rodney Halimon, Jacob Heil, Jesse McGrane, Allison Scanlon, Travis Trout, and Amanda Wagle.

First–Third Grades – Ms. Montague
Amber Davis and Jonathan Johnson.

Third–Sixth Grades – Mr. Legg
Michael Kerr.

Cory Elementary

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Third Grade – Mrs. McGlynn
Briana Bohannon and Kayla Bryk.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. D. Pluff
Cheyenne Chapman and Macee Logerstedt.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Beyer
Nakeya Pinkston.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Commander
Brittany Glenn and Jonathon Stone.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Grange
Briana Glenn, Zoatta Hogan, DaJuan Partee, Dairrein Searcy, and Zachary Williams.

HONOR ROLL

Third Grade – Mrs. McGlynn
Kelle Barbara, Cameron Barnes, Misty Briscoe, Atae'Ja Crawford, Eddie Hillard, Denver Hojnowski, Gary Logerstedt, Marcus Madison, Garbrille Miller, and Joseph Mobley.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. D. Pluff
Megan Davis, Joseph Marsh, Kimberly Stone, and Daijha Williams.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Price
Denford Briscoe, Larlee Cohen, Kanisha Wallen, and Neelege Watson.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Beyer
Jacob Carter, Franchella Foreman, Leticia Gittens, Azia Riley, Dominique Robinson, and Courtney Thomas.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Roberts
Andrianna Barden, Jordan Ditsch, Shawnta Hamby, Tyler Lincoln, Alec Madison, Steven Pratt, Emily Toby, and Corey Wilson.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Commander
Zachary Curry, Leydiana Gittens, Ben Hojnowski, Pamela Johnson, Cailyn Mines, and Bianca Robinson.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Grange
Valerie Crawford, Brittany Forbes, LaKisha Foreman, Brittni Hillard, Courtnee Kennedy, Olivia Madison, Chelsea Thomas, Kaessi Torres, and Onja'Leese Warren.

Second and Fifth Grades – Mrs. Watkins
Taviyona Christian, Mark Hughes, Aaron Landfair, and Quantaneice Toliver.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten – Mrs. Brennan
Miyana Barden-Clark, Alexus Bass, Joshua Bonilla, Christina Bryant, Tyress Claiborne, Brian Davis, DeAndré Holmes, Destiny Leach, Brian Pope, Ashya Upthegrove, and Zachary Ward.

First Grade – Ms. K. Pluff
Herbert Buckley, Diante Hill, Chelsi Hillard, Jamari Howard, Carl Jones, Thomas Lincoln, Mariah Nelson, Alexis Paisley, and Bruce Raczynski.

Second Grade – Mrs. Askew
Juwan Bearden, Ronald Bratcher, Kareem Bryant, Kaylan Carter, Luke Hojnowski, Bill Wells, and Benjamin Williams.

Third Grade – Mrs. McGlynn
Briana Bohannon, Misty Briscoe, Chelsi Dawson, Edward Hillard, Denver Hojnowski, Gary Logerstedt, Marcus Madison, Gabrielle Miller, Joseph Mobley, De'Ante Ross-Springer, and Charmaine Thomas.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. D. Pluff
Darian Cottle, Kristopher Cummings, Megan Davis, Todd Graham, Macee Logerstedt, Kimberly Stone, and Daijha Williams.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Price
Denford Briscoe, Alizé Butler, KeAndre Christian, Larlee Cohen, Darnell Fields, Casey Skonieczny, and Gregory Tanner.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Beyer
Cinque Bearden, Megan Bratcher, Jacob Carter, Franchella Foreman, Nakeem Lightsey, Nakeya Pinkston, Courtney Thomas, and Danté Tyson.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Roberts
Andrianna Barden, Natalya Eldridge, Tyler Lincoln, Breanna Pope, Steven Pratt, Faith Rhinehart, Willie Sledge, and Andrea Wells.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Commander
Allonté Bell, Evelyn Blackmon, Catherine Bratcher, Kyra Crawford, Zachary Curry, Kaylia Davison, Brittany Glenn, Brooke Graham, Benjamin Hojnowski, Ge'Kia Lee, Cailyn Mines, Sara Sandy, Sharnita Starks, and Shaquille Tipton.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Grange
Angelique Blackmon, Lakisha Foreman, Briana Glenn, Khalil Hamilton, Zoatta Hogan, Norman Lightsey, Dajuan Partee, Dairrein Searcy, Chelsea Thomas, Kaessi Torres, and Zachary Williams.

Second and Fifth Grades – Mrs. Watkins
Joshua Bearden abd Darius Tyson.

Halecreek Elementary

HIGH HONORS

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Fuss
Laina Barnes, Katrina McKinney, Ashley Shahan, and Kayla Watkins.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Hirchert
Kyle Alongi and Rachel Stanley.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Sims
Michael Helton and Sarah Orr.

HONOR ROLL

First–Third Grades – Mrs. Kapala
Nicholas Brown.

Fourth–Sixth Grades – Ms. Parent
Ryan Barry, Jermaine Graham, Javontae Norman, Katrina Porter, and Richard West.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Fuss
Jeffrey Boler, William Bonham, Jeffrey Brown, Xavier Curtis, Mark Diebel, Kamran Haq, Johnny Maybin, Brooke Nierman, Cory Shults, Charles Taylor, Tina Vail, and Briyanna Williams.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Hirchert
Jalynn Echols, Kirsty MacDonald, Crystal Poet, and Malita Rutherford.

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Romulus Students Honored for Superior Academics, Attendance

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Sixth Grade – Ms. Sims

Stephanie Andrew, Amber Bailey, Tiffany Eldrington, Steven Leppen, Chaunice Little, Kelly McGlynn, Tara Radford, Joanna Rogers, and Devin Spragins.

Merriman Elementary

ALL A's

Third Grade – Mrs. Doane

Timothy Booth, Matthew Freeman, Taige Stewart, Shanya Sturdivant, and Drew Wilkerson.

Third Grade – Mrs. Graham

Dominic Cole, Malaysia Hayes, and Deven Thompson.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Fitch

Jordan Genigeski.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Lhiva

Joshlyn Booth, Najea Brown, and Nathan Wilkerson.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Sneath

Nishelle Baker, Nashad Deyampert-Hill, Sarena Dillon, and Cierra Toliver.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Austin

Ryan Genigeski, Nan Sheikh, and Seth Urban.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Miller

Danielle Doyle.

HONOR ROLL

Third Grade – Mrs. Doane

Timothy Booth, Matthew Freeman, Zachary Maldanado, Kayla Menser, Nakia Morgan, Rashid Siddique, Taige Stewart, Shanya Sturdivant, and Drew Wilkerson.

Third Grade – Mrs. Graham

Nickolas Bovitz, Dominic Cole, Andrew Gulla, Malaysia Hayes, Brelyn Mecks, Riana Scott, David Shaft, Rehman Sheikh, and Deven Thompson.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Fitch

Jordan Genigeski, Janette Gula, Ivonne Lewis, Ashley Robinson, Michael St. Jacques, David Strickland, and Anthony Wiggins.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Misiak

Jason Card-Westley, Tikia Houston, Kendrick Kemp, Dominic Pena, Quiara Perry, Rabia Sheikh, Kyle Stevens, and Courtney Thompson.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Lhiva

Amy Best, Jason Cooke-Thomason, Dyllan Ragle, Sadie Trammell, Marquese Williams, and Jennifer Workman.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Sneath

Kyle Hill, Jennifer Lukas, Alisha Menser, Rayven Rodgers, and Jacob Segur.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Austin

Rion Bell, Ryan Genigeski, Justice Givhan, Erik Radford, Nan Sheikh, Kyle Thompson, Seth Urban, Ishaya Vanover.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Miller

Amille Black, Kiwanis Chestnut, Danielle Doyle, Alesha Howington, Breonna Kelly, Gregory McCloud, Lucas Molic, Sarah Payne, Fatima Sheikh, Aaminah Siddique, and Britani Strickland.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten – Mrs. Bradlee

Pysches Booker, Annalise Clark, Jamal Gist, and Austin Mauldin.

Kindergarten – Mrs. Smith

Makiya Carter, Callie Hale, Jay Seeley, Miryea Sturdivant, and Tajanae Woodward.

First Grade – Ms. Knight

Jasmin Gist, Zaire Nelson, and Donovan Parks.

Second Grade – Ms. Prisco

Akira Battle, Le'Andre Childs, Anthony Cooks, Jarell Crawford, Marktavias Hayes, Marrell Hayes, Jessica Keoshian, Amanda Segur, Bianca Tabb, Brent Thomas, Charles Tyler, Brooke Waldon, and Marquala Woodward.

Second Grade – Mrs. Terwilliger

Mariah Borders, Dushone Eldridge, Jasmin Harkins, Cody Howington, James Hunt, William Melchor, Elwin Ready, Anthony Taylor, and Gabrielle Watson.

Third Grade – Mrs. Doane

Timothy Booth, Kierstyn Burns, Matthew Freeman, Aaron Mauldin, Kayla Menser, Jonathon Mihaesi, Nakia Morgan, DeShawn Pickett, Charles Roach, Rashid Siddique, Chandler Smith, Shala Thomas, and Drew Wilkerson.

Third Grade – Mrs. Graham

Nickolas Bovitz, Diamond Bush, Malik Carter, Erica Clausell, Adayjah Davis, Angela Day, Sammy Gulley, Tariq Hadin, Christiar Langston, Keyshawn Pope, Rehman Sheikh, and DeMarco Woodward.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Fitch

André Brown, Brianna Clausell, Amonte Clayton, India Graham, Janette Gula, Jimel Jackson, Travis McDaniel, Ashley Robinson, Jamie Somervell, and Sydney Vinson.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Misiak

Tikia Houston, Octavia Johnny, Rebecca Nowicki, Dominic Pena, Quentin Robinson, Rabia Sheikh, and Courtney Thompson.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Lhiva

Amy Best, Joshlyn Booth, Brandon Brown, Laura Chestnut, Na'Shelle Hill, Nathan Wilkerson, Marquese Williams.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Sneath

Nashad Deyampert-Hill, Kyle Hill, Sarena Hill, Martaz Kirkwood, Eric Lightset, Jennifer Lukas, Alisha Mensor, Chauncey Payne, Rayven Rodgers, Jacob Segur, and Cierra Toliver.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Austin

Robert Brewer, Karen Cline, Nicole Coffey, Deonta Delaney, Dominique Ellis-Dorr, Chelsea Foster, Ryan Genigeski, Brandy Holley, Robert Langston, Maurice Murphy, Devonte Nelson, and Nan Sheikh.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Miller

Gregory McCloud and Quinton Slator.

Romulus Elementary

CITIZENSHIP

Second Grade

Alexis Carswell, Brent Gray, DeQuante Haugabook, Rayne Hollifield, Ewing Joyce, Sarah Kuczynski, Courtney Steiner, Jaida Stewart, Jaylen-Tate Lucas, and Alena Washington.

Third Grade

Unavailable at press time.

Fourth Grade

Sydney Bayer, Juwan Brinson, Tyler Gray, Yejideh Hatten, Samantha Johnson, Kayla Patterson, Zachery Sperry, Austin West, Dominque Whitlow, and Keith Zavitz.

Fifth Grade

Breonna Blakely, Tiffany Brown, Janelle Carter, Travis Corder, Nadya Ellis, Delilah Ferris, Arthur Gibson, Sommer Granberry, Cierra Gray, Eddie Hitchings, Dasja Jackson, Desiree Kassa, Michelle Kincer, Amanda Linnert, Robert Malinowski, Victor Mangham, Symone Martin, Fred McAnally, Joshua Sands, Dustin Stamp, Amanda Sweet, Eric Trout, and Micah Ward.

Sixth Grade

James Boler, Keli Boyd, Diamond Dortch, Bryant Hicks, Anthony Horn, Shakera Johnson, Victoria Johnson, Brittany Lincoln, Onkia Miller, Candace Reid, TaMar Reynolds, Antwoniq Roberts, Shuntia Sanford, Kaylan Speith, Antoniece Toliver, and Adrianna Williams.

HIGH HONORS

Fourth Grade

Sydney Bayer and Dominique Whitlow.

Fifth Grade

Desiree Kassa, Amanda Linnert, Symone Martin, Fred McAnally, Jayne McClellan, and Steven Nemeth.

Sixth Grade

Keli Boyd and Victoria Johnson.

HONOR ROLL

Third Grade

Skylar Allison, Ramon Barber, Jayla Barker, Kenneth Bayer, Aron Black, Katelyn Blasé, Kennedi Boler, Elantra Bradford, Demonte Brown, Kasey Burgess, DeJhana Cole, Jasmine Harmon, Naya Henderson, Cydnee Kidd, Kaelon Knight, Stacy Kuczynski, Mechelle Lewis, Ariel Littles, Jesse McAnally, Blake Mills, Raynard Pouncy, Dominique Royse, Tiyona Scott, Karyna Smith, Jevincio Tooson, Kayla Tucker, and Shanita White.

Fourth Grade

Morgan Anderson, Porscha Brantley, Juwan Brinson, Sarah Cartrette, Jamarl Eiland, Tyler Gray, Kayla Jackson, Kylee Johnson, Nicholas Kreitner, Lauren Nieznalski, Kayla Patterson, Stephany Piro, Zachery Sperry, and Keith Zavitz.

Fifth Grade

Chance Armstrong, Breonna Blakely, Jessica Brown, Tiffany Brown, Janelle Carter, Keyoni Collins, LaToya Colvin, Breanna Felix, Delilah Ferris, Cierra Gray, Devin Groh, Daria Jackson, Dasja Jackson, Jenafir Kennedy, Michelle Kincer, Savon Knight, Joseph Luckett, Victor Mangham, James Newbill, Ashley Patton, Averianna Richey, Zaakirah Roper, Andrea Ross, Josh Sands, Chelsea Smith, Dustin Stamp, Jade Stuart, Amanda Sweet, Micah Ward, Terrance White, Shaywan Whitlow, and Darren Williams.

Sixth Grade

Tyler Anderson, James Boler, Diamond Durtch, Brittany Francis, Alexandria Harrington, Junae Harville, Julian Johnson, Joshua Khan, Candace Reid, and Adrianna Williams.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten

Jordyn Banks, Brock Corder, Katelynn Freeman, Luis Garcia, Anthony Green, Cheyenne Harris, Imani Kirk, Devin Huddleston, Kamilla Williams, and Kara Wilson.

First Grade

Madison Alexander, Torianna Allen-Cook, Cyndil Banks, Takiya Channey, Briann Cotrell, Savanna Kreitner, Tanjaniq'a Mankins, Shane Moore, Gabrielle Parker, and Chase Patterson.

Second Grade

Isaiah Brinson, Jada Brown, Alexis Carswell, Dejuan Davis, Chris Dessenberg, Victoria Fields, Caitlyn Gibson, Marquita Gilliam, DeQuante Haugabook, Ewing Joyce, Jacob Kopenhafer, Sarah Kuczynski, Brianna Madison, Laurel Marciniak, Abigail Nemeth, Carl Pierce, Emily Sands, Bryan Smith-Mitchell, Jordan Stuart, Megan Swangim, Bradley Swistara, Dwayne Trout, Alena Washington, DeJuan Westley, William Wilson, and Damiah Woodmore.

Third Grade

Samantha Cormack, Sean Crawford, Capri Dover, Briana Dye, Jaylin Gregory, Yejideh Hatten, Kayla Jackson, Lauren Kelsaw, Jonathan Linnert, Jordan McGraw, Kayla Patterson, Sabrina Sproles, Daniel Stamp, Destiny Terry, and Keith Zavitz.

Fourth Grade

Morgan Anderson, Diondre Baker, Porscha Brantley, Juwan Brinson, Kyle Denham, Markus Dennis, Capri Dover, Brianna Dye, Jamarl Eiland, Tyler Gray, Kayla Jackson, Kylee Johnson, Tara Joyce, Lauren Kelsaw, Joseph Kozik, Angela LaMar, Thomas Landry, Cory Lawrence, Jordan McGraw, Blake Milhouse, Lauren Nieznalski, Kayla Patterson, Stephany Piro, Rachael Soard, Daniel Stamp, Jalen Stuart, Andrew Wells, and Dominique Whitlow.

Fifth Grade

Chance Armstrong, Breonna Blakely, Jessica Brown, Tiffany Brown, Arthur Carswell, Jeremiah Coleman, LaToya Colvin, Travis Corder, Kasia Dismuke, Nadya Ellis, Arthur Gibson, Charles Givens, Tenario Golden, Sommer Granberry, Cierra Gray, Devin Groh, Anjelica Horn, Daria Jackson, Dasja Jackson, Desiree Kassa, Jenafir Kennedy, Jessika Kennedy, Michelle Kincer, Savon Knight, Joseph Luckett, Jayne McClellan, James Newbill, Ashley Patton, Shawn Rogers, Zaakirah Roper, Andrea Ross, Joshua Sands, Chelsea Smith, Dustin Stamp, Jade Stuart, Kevin Swangim, Eric Trout, Micah Ward, and Terrance White.

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REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 8, 2004

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, November 8, 2004, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Cheryle Buckley.

Roll call showed members Buckley, April Frayer, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Betty Lenossi, Niema White, and Thomas Kuderik present. Administrators present were: Joel R. Carr, Superintendent; William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations; Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources; and Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Buckley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

11/04/1 Moved by White supported by Lenossi to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

11/04/2 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Frayer to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 25, 2004, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, presented the following personnel actions.

RESIGNATION – FYI: Angela Cosma, French Fryer, Middle School, effective date: October 14, 2004.

Bills for Payment

11/04/3 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Lenossi to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Winter Millage Levy

11/04/4 Moved by Roscoe supported by Mientkiewicz that the Board of Education concur with the recommendation of the Finance Committee and adopt the following levy for the 2004 winter tax collection:

All Property	Homestead
3.5 mills Debt	4.49 mills Hold Harmless

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Technology Presentation – Mr. Ed Horn

Messrs. Horn and Smith and Mesdames McGlynn, Jurk, Garrett, and Hariff were present to update the Board on the Technology Vision for the 2004–05 school year. They also responded to questions posed by members of the Board.

Resolution for MSRP Grant

11/04/5 Moved by Lenossi supported by Frayer that Romulus Community Schools certifies that it will provide preschool education for 36 eligible four-year-old children, and that $118,800 of the stated amount, based on the approved per capita allowance of $3,300, will be used specifically for this purpose. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were none.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following Items of Interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Thank you – Wick School Improvement Team; 2) Halecreek Elementary School Newsletter; 3) Romulus Elementary School Newsletter; 4) Wick Elementary School Newsletter; 5) Cory Elementary School Newsletter; 6) Romulus High School Parent Newsletter; and 7) Barth Elementary School Blue Ribbon Invitation.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Lenossi stated that the Climate Committee was working on Crisis Response and Homeland Security. She also had a couple of questions about the cafeteria operation.

Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz gave a report regarding the MASB Conference in Grand Rapids, and distributed a media guide on state aid information.

Mrs. Niema White gave a report about a class taken regarding community/board relations.

Mr. Thomas Kuderik, on behalf of the Romulus Flyers, thanked the Board for bus transportation to their last game. He stated that they are on their way to the championship.

ADJOURNMENT:

11/04/6 Moved by White supported by Frayer that the Meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Roscoe, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

RHS Students Enjoy Unique Opportunity

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the school via Middlebelt Road, I–94, and Wayne Road, it was highly protected by numerous State, County, and Romulus police vehicles and motorcycles. Every side street and every entrance to any building was blocked off, and Michigan State Police helicopters flew above us.

Right behind Mr. Cheney, my peers and I entered Romulus High School. Behind us was the rest of the press as we headed for the press-only stage. At 11 a.m., Mr. Cheney made his speech. The gym was filled with Cheney supporters from our community. The four of us were given VVIP (Very, Very Important People) passes to hand out to our parents. With these passes, our parents were given the honor of standing on stage behind Mr. Cheney.

The vice president's speech consisted of several negative remarks about Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry. Mr. Cheney had the crowd chanting several times. At 11:30 a.m., the vice president made his way off stage, but not before making this final quote: "In Wyoming, they say, 'You can put all the lipstick you want on that pig, but at the end of the day, it's still a pig.'"

As Mr. Cheney was exiting the gym, I had the privilege of shaking his hand. I headed into Mrs. Carpenter's room, along with the rest of the White House traveling press. I sat next to Lindsey Layton from the *Washington Post* at the luncheon that was provided for us while Mr. Cheney finished with all his interviews. At noon, it was back to the motorcade, and we headed for the airport, where Mr. Cheney would leave for Hawaii. The four of us were the only press allowed to stand near the plane as the vice president boarded it.

How is that we, high-school journalists, had privileges over the traveling press? I still ask myself that question.

Before we left, we thanked Mr. Keenan for all his help.

"I love my job and getting to show high-school kids this stuff. It's fun," he said.

I had a wonderful time covering this event. I got a taste of what journalism is really like. I got to speak and correspond via e-mail with writers from major networks like NBC, ABC, and CNN.

Traditionally, journalism isn't a first-person form of writing, but I'm breaking the rules this time. Having this opportunity means a lot to me. This experience has sparked my interest in politics and the Secret Service. Mr. Keenan suggested I get my foot in the door quickly.

It was good to see Romulus on the news, and it was good publicity for our city to be a part of such an important rally. I'm especially grateful for the chance to experience this event from a viewpoint that most people will never have.

I gave up a ticket to the Michigan/Michigan State football game – a triple-overtime game that would air on ESPN Classic the very next day, and will be remembered forever – to take advantage of this opportunity. To this day, I do not regret that decision

This experience was a great reason to write my first hard-core, serious journalism article. ❑

"Shadowing" Science Students at Barth

Second-grade teacher Deborah Street (second from right) and student teacher Maria Racz helped Jessica Dunn and Anthony Redmond measure their shadows on a sunny morning. A check one hour later revealed that their shadows had shrunk. They then studied how and why this happened.

Romulus Students Honored for Superior Academics, Attendance

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Sixth Grade

Tyler Anderson, Keli Boyd, Cali Burks, Shakylia Carpenter, Ashley Cribbs, Diamond Dortch, Stephon Edwards, Brittany Francis, Tazonda Gibbs, Eramae Gibson, Junae Harville, Bryant Hicks, Anthony Horn, Julian Johnson, Victoria Johnson, Jessica Jones, Marcus Lewis, Jamar Love, Dasha Melchor, Onkia Miller, TaMar Reynolds, Antwoniq Roberts, Dana Robinson, Gary Sadler, Shauntia Sanford, Darnisha Spann, Kaylan Spieth, Antoniece Toliver, and Adrianna Williams.

Wick Elementary

ALL A's

Third Grade – Mrs. Mefford

Maria Holmun and Taylor Morgan.

Third Grade – Mrs. Small

Kayla Anderson, London Brown, Achlee Fultz, Armani Gipson, Samantha Moore, and Dana Rodgers.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Alguire

Nancy Burcroff, Jada Rachal, Chelsea Shellman, and Kyle Williams.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Johnson

Jillian Camilleri, Levi Eddings, Jeremy Horne, and Brena'e Weaver.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Gibb-Randall

Jonathan Proctor.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Richard

Diamond Chandler, Carman Plank.

HONOR ROLL

Third Grade – Mrs. Mefford

Bianca Buckley, Jason Casorso, Makaila Claypool, Corbin Ducheny, Rachel Funderburg, Tyron Hamby, Cody Householder, Reginald Johnson, Calvin Jones, Ashley Lamoureaux, Jezreel Lewis, Mikail Melchor, and Milo Pasley.

Third Grade – Mrs. Small

Andrea Boddie, Kayla Kassa, Rachel Leonard, Donald Mawby, Vanessa Rodgers, Marquel Small, Brandie Taylor, Jacob Taylor, Brenna Wade, and Tiara Webb.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Alguire

Alicia Adams, Malik Brown, Shakari Cummings, Danielle Davis, Maya Davis, Monét Glenn, Asia Lately, Michael Latona, Alven Littell, Kylie Melville, Lorenzo Mosley, and Tiffany Woolford.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Johnson

Deja Arrington, Andrea Bruno, Brittney Burnette, Ciara Dawson, Megan Dotson, Jasmine Ellison, Chris Hampton, DaQuon Harris, Louise Hood, Dwayne Lately, Kalen Smith, Brent Zimmerman.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Friebel

Cierra Gasser, Mariah Hemmingway, Aaron Hicks, Jerry McCray, and Bryant Moore.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Gibb-Randall

Jalin Arrington, Aaliyah Eatmon, Caleb Hare, Bryan Moore, Kyah Riley, and Nicole Wilson.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Redmond

Brieanna Boyd, Natalia Brown, Anthony James, Antonique Mosley, Monae Riley, and Chelsea Roper.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Richard

Loren Adams, Angelette French, Shealyn Melville, Eric Wands, and Bre'ana West.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten – Mrs. Wood

Myron Burnette, Samantha Eddings, Morgan Johnson, Syriana Jones, Alexius Smith, Aujané Wiggins, and Austin Wohlfeil.

Kindergarten – Mrs. Justusson

Kenneth Fultz and Meiah Rodgers.

First Grade – Ms. Forth

Ashley Alexander, Victoria Broome, Kiera Erquhart, Romney Funderburg, Blake Furcron, Malik Mallard, Maurice Reeves, and Zackery Wohlfeil.

First Grade – Mrs. Otis

Sha'Ronda Austin, Kolby Gamble, Christopher Goodley, Sasha Slone, Antoinette Trussel, and Mariah Vesey.

Second Grade – Mrs. Hurst

Micah Armour, Marché Ellis, Charelle Gamble, Mariah Gee, Bryson Moore, Jazzneke Moton, Meshel Rodgers, Jayla Williams, Lasacha Williams, and Damon Williamson.

Second Grade – Ms. Williams

John Adams, Shaniora Buford, Avery Gray, Maurica Matthews, Nicolas Proctor, Jalen Rusan, Jadea Watson, Christina Wells, and Damien Williamson.

Third Grade – Mrs. Maironis

Bianca Buckley, Makaila Claypool, Rachel Funderburg, Mercedes Gamble, Cody Householder, Calvin Jones, Ashley Lamoureaux, Demetrius Litsey, Argina Lofton-Brown, Milo Pasley, and Simone Singal.

Third Grade – Mrs. Small

Achlee Fultz, Armani Gipson, Dana Rodgers, and Marquel Small.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Alguire

Malik Brown, Nancy Burcroff, Kendra Curlee, Danielle Davis, Maya Davis, Monét Glenn, Jaylin Gregory, Sydne Higginbotham, Asia Lately, Michael Latona, Alven Littell, Kylie Melville, Lorenzo Mosley, and Jada Rachal.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Johnson

Brittney Burnette, Ciara Dawson, Levi Eddings, Christopher Hampton, Louise Hood, Jeremy Horne, Dwayne Lately, Ashley Lytle, Neacha Williams, Kaitlyn Wojciechowski, and Brent Zimmerman.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Friebel

Maris Crawford, Nicole Crenshaw, Mariah Hemmingway, Latreice Hicks, Mikos Jones, Elexus Lee, Paul Massey, Jerry McCray, Bryant Moore, Aveon Simmons, Earl Smith, Marquis Thomason.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Gibb-Randall

Jalin Arrington, Tashyanna Berry, Erik Brantley, Pajenai Eubanks, Bryan Moore, Myles Pasley, Kyah Riley, Kaylan Robb, Nicole Wilson, and Kierra Wright.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Redmond

Brieanna Boyd, Natalia Brown, Talen Brown, Jailen Claypool, Kaci Hall, Kadijah Jones, Michael Legion, Antonique Mosley, Mark Page, Monae Riley, Errol Sims, Nick Tripp, and Jazmine Williams.

Sixth Grade – Ms. Richard

Loren Adams, Mattarius Buford, Alex Carter, Diamond Chandler, Devon Jacquay, Dominique Johnson, Lauren Johnson, Shealyn Melville, Carman Plank, Gary Pollard, Jeffery Robertson, Erica Ross, Bre'ana West, Kaela Williams, and Tiara Woody.

Romulus Middle School

ALL A's

Seventh Grade

Brandon Davis, Karli Gibson, Louis Hill, Justin Jadzinski, Jazmyn Jones, Caitlynn Lefler, Ashley Linnert, Victoria Mangham, Ryan McLachlan, Jesse Norman, Sheila Reeves, Cherra Ross, Kazam Sheikh, Brianna Shreve, Daijah Street, Brooke Tanner, Zachary Toilolo, Ciara Turner, Ashley Wagle, Sheila Watts, and Krystal Wegrzyn.

Eighth Grade

Derek Bennett, Melissa Dufore, David Forbush, Ashlee Hood, Michael Lammers, and Samantha Watson.

HONOR ROLL

Seventh Grade

Ajah Ajah, Tristan Allen, Corey Arnett-Butscher, Holly Atchley, Brandon Badilla, Aaron Bailey, Zachary Beregsasy, Courtney Blakeney, Rachelle Bovee, Cha'Relle Brewer, Deandray Buckley, Elea'ele Buford, Darrius Bumpers, Dominique Carroll, Victoria Chatmon, Cierra Cohen, Dawana Danner, Jonathan Dawson, Leanna Dawson, Steven Destrampe, Chance Dunigan, D'Mario Ellis, Tia Evans, Cieara Franklin, Tamara Garrison, Tierra Garrison, Seth Gasser, Ammie Gordon, Timothy Graves, Cyle Hahn, Briyana Hall, Darrius Hall, Erica Hayes, Alexander Hicks-Gregory, Domonique Holmes, Taylor Johnson, Breana Keels, Julie Kopenhafer, Kelly Kovacs, Kaylynn LaBean, Steffon Lanier, Ayonna Lawrence, John Lewkowicz, Brittany Little, Michael Lovelady, Danielle Lucaj, Charlena Mabry, Xavier Mitchell, Jason Moore, Stuart Nairemore, John Nathaniel, Aryana Nelson, Tiffany Nerone, Victoria Newell, Patricia Partello, Juwan Piggee, Brittany Piro-Capen, Shakiah Ready, Shawn Reeves, Christopher Reyna, Nathan Rice, DeAndre Rich, Ja'Nae Russell, Jesse Sanden, Michael Sanden, Emmanuel Sanders, Niko Scott, Amber Sears, Aaron Shults, Kierstyn Slatinsky, Geridan St. Peter, Alec Staten, Derrick Stewart, Jack Storms, Ashley Strickland, Destiny Swanigan, Cody Szostek, Lynnelle Thompson, Ashlee Wade, Dominique Wallace, Dayza Washington-Adams, Ashley Watley, Desiree Watt, Amber White, Mason Whitmore, Brittany Wilkewitz, Antoine Williams-Wade, and Elonda Willis.

Eighth Grade

Levi Adams, Christine Amis, Stephon Archie, Samantha Bankey, Cody Barnes, Jazmine Bass, Antonette Battle, Loretta Blue, Filmore Bouldes, Raheem Brown, Brad Burcroff, Krystal Burrell, Tina Carter, Meriah Chapman, Brittany Charleston, Rodney Cofield, Taylor Collins, Toni Cross, Nicholas Curry, Timothy Dalton, Daniel Davis, Don Davis, Emily Davis, Lachelle Devoe, Emily Doyle, Shakiyla Eady, Anisha Eldridge, Stormy Eldrington, David Ellis, Kathryn Forth, Jamie Foster, Brittany Frarzier, DiChelle Freeman, Travis Griffin, Melissa Groce, Brianna Grover, Chelsea Hay, Erica Herren, DeShawna Hill, Joshua Hill-Barnes, Tanesha Hill-Harris, Jaya Jackson, Sarah James, Derek Kinney, Katie Koester, Christopher Kreitner, Christienne Linton, Brandy Loggie, Hailey Mangrum, Brandyn Martin, Felicia Martin, Lauren McCallum, Alexandria McCarthy, Miya McDonald, James McGlynn, Stephanie Mortzfield, Tamica Mosley, Gary Nemeth, Randall Norfleet, Candace Poet, Karlie Potts, Raynal Pouncy, Raymond Reed, Raven Robertson, Brittany Rodgers, Amanda Roehrich, Richard Rutherford, Holly Schonscheck, Kareem Seifuddin, Narjis Sheikh, William Steele, Jeremy Streeter, Jessica Sylvester, Andreaus Tatum, Briaunni Taylor, Adam Thornsbury, Kaela Torres, Brittany Turner, Chelsea Tyree, Sharonda Vesey, Latisha Ware, La'Tonya Warlix, Mary Watts, Sam Wells, Alise Whalen, Derrick White, Kanaya Williams, Stephen Williams, Amanda Zavitz, and Mariah Zockheem.

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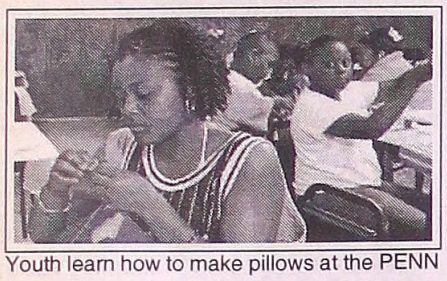

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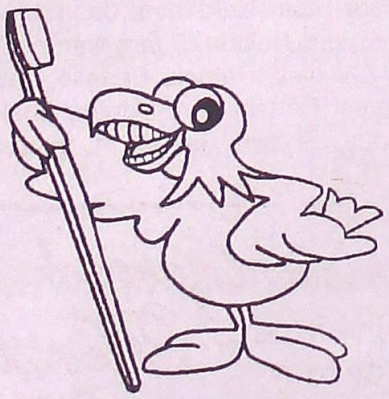

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Obituaries

Robert A. Allen

Robert A. Allen of Westland, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, November 25, 2004, at the age of 59.

The native of Garden City, Michigan, was born on Wednesday, September 5, 1945.

Robert, a member of Teamsters Local #299, retired in 2000 after a 29-year career. The U.S. Navy veteran enjoyed traveling and bowling.

Among those surviving Robert are his wife, Jane I. (Lawrence) Allen; a daughter, Shannon L. Toth (Southgate, MI); his mother, Eleanor (Wiess) Allen (Richland, WA); and 4 brothers, Thomas, Terry, Dave, and Ronnie (all of WA).

His father, Robert Allen, preceded him in passing.

A funeral service was held on Monday, November 29, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Pastor Mark Cryderman (Westland Free Methodist Church) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

Lawrence Bradley Kiser

Lawrence Bradley Kiser of Belleville, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, November 18, 2004, at the age of 51.

Lawrence was born in Detroit, Michigan, on Tuesday, February 3, 1953.

The former resident of New Boston, Michigan, worked at Bob Saks Oldsmobile (Farmington Hills, MI) for over 10 years. He enjoyed fishing and baseball, and loved all music. His favorite bands were Kansas and Nelson.

Most of all, Lawrence enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He will be fondly remembered for the "neighborhood pasta night" (featuring a home-cooked dinner and a "too-loud" movie) that he and his wife began.

Surviving Lawrence are his wife, Loretta Kay (Hamilton) Kiser; 3 children, Sara C. Hamilton, Phillip E. Sohoza, and Elizabeth F. Sohoza (all of Belleville); his father, James Bradley; and a sister, Marybeth Marz (New Boston).

Among those who preceded him in passing was his mother, Doris Eileen (Golinski) Kiser.

A funeral service was held on Monday, November 22, at David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville), with Pastor Robb J. Hudspeth officiating. Cremation rites were accorded.

Memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society would be greatly appreciated by the Kiser family.

John Senart

John Senart of Gladwin, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, November 27, 2004, at the age of 78.

The former resident of Romulus, Michigan, left school to serve in the U.S. Army with his brother Bud during World War II. When he returned home, he went back to school and graduated with the following senior class.

John was employed at Detroit Edison for over 30 years. In 1988, he and his wife, Patricia (Rivest) Senart, built a home in Gladwin, where they retired.

Surviving John are a daughter, Mrs. R.C. (Carol) McLaughlin (Livonia, MI); a son, Michael Senart (Gladwin); 3 sisters, Mrs. Clayton (Louise) Hubbartt (Taylor, MI), Mrs. Norman (Nan) Meyer (Romulus), and Mrs. Merlin (Janet) Lemmon (Romulus); 2 granddaughters, Julia McLaughlin (Livonia) and Mrs. Gregory (Jennifer) Carver (Crystal Lake, IL); and a great-grandson, Nathan Carver (Crystal Lake, IL).

He was predeceased by his wife; his parents, Leo and Helen Senart; and 3 brothers, Bud, Eugene, and Mickey Senart.

Arrangements were handled by Sisson Funeral Home (Gladwin).

Marie M. Wilkerson

Marie M. Wilkerson of Taylor, Michigan, passed away on Friday, November 26, 2004, at the age of 75.

The dedicated family woman was born in Sevierville, Tennessee, on Thursday, March 14, 1929.

Surviving Marie are 4 sons, Edward (Lorraine) Wilkerson (Romulus, MI), Phillip (Helen) Wilkerson (Taylor), Gerald (Jean) Wilkerson (Romulus), and John (Chico) Wilkerson (Leesville, LA); a brother, Dick Bowlin (TN); a sister, Betty Bish (Pembrook, NC); 14 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

Among those who preceded Marie in passing were her parents, Richard and Mattie (King) Bowlin; 4 brothers, Cecil, Jim, Beecher, and Alvin Bowlin; 2 sisters, Lilly Russell and Katherine Wilkerson; and a half-sister, Dorothy Claybough.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, December 1, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Reverend William Kren (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery. ❑

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